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1. SUMMARY: AZAP CARRIED EDITORIAL ON NEED TO CONDEMN FOREIGN
INTERFERENCE IN ANGOLA AS WELL AS FINAL COMMUNIQUE ATTACKING CUBANS
AND UNITA COMMUNIQUE REPORTING ON ITS MEETING IN SILVA PORTO
AND CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE AND CONVENING OF TRIPARTITE
CONFERENCE TO SEEK SOLUTION TO CONFLICT IN ANGOLA. END SUMMARY.

1. OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) JAN 6 CARRIED FOLLOWING

ITEMS ON ANGOLA:

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2. EDITORIAL ENTITLED "NONALIGNMENT FLOUTED" SAID GROUP OF 66, LATELY BROUGHT SHAME ON ITSELF BY REFUSAL OF SOME OF ITS MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN CASE OF ANGOLA. INSISTED THAT QUESTION FOR OAU IS WHETHER PERSONS SAFELY OUT OF RANGE OF SOVIET WEAPONS SHOULD PRESUME TO SUBSTITUTE THEIR WILL FOR WILL OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE. PROPER ROLE FOR OAU, SAID EDITORIAL, IS TO BRING END TO FIGHTING AND TO FACILITATE TRULY AFRICAN METHOD OF DIALOGUE. LET THOSE WITH RESOURCES TO INVEST IN KILLING ANGOLANS DIRECT THEIR EFFORTS INSTEAD TO NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE AND AGAINST APARTHEID - LEGITIMATE AND UNIFYING GOALS. FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IS TO BE CONDEMNED. ALL FOREIGN FORCES SHOULD BE ACCORDED SAME TREATMENT GIVEN MERCENARIES WHO SOWED DEATH IN CONGO AND NIGERIA. TO ACT OTHERWISE WOULD BE TO SHARE IN LARGE-SCALE GENOCIDE IN WHICH CUBANS ARE NOW ENGAGED IN ANGOLA. LET THEM GO TO NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE, OR SOUTH AFRICA. ANGOLA IS FOR THE ANGOLANS.

3. FNLA COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AMBRIZ JANUARY 5 CLAIMED THAT WITHIN LAST FEW DAYS 7500 CUBANS HAVE LAUNCHED A "CRIMINAL OFFENSIVE" IN NORTHERN PART OF ANGOLA USING T-34 TANKS, STALIN "ORGANS", MISSILES, PLANES AND HELICOPTERS. COMMUNIQUE SAID THIS USE OF ONE AND ONE-HALF DIVISIONS OF REGULAR CUBAN TROOPS AND 6000 KATANGAN EX-GENDARMES SHIFTED BALANCE AGAINST FNLA ON NORTHERN FRONT. HOLDING MPLA FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR INTRODUCTION OF "CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE", FNLA APPEALED FOR SUPPORT TO ALL THOSE OPPOSED TO SOVIET EXPANSION IN AFRICA.

4. AZAP JANUARY 6 CITED COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING UNITA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT SILVA PORTO DECEMBER 28-31. COMMUNIQUE CALLED FOR:

- AN IMMEDIATE, "IN PEACE" CEASEFIRE.
- CREATION OF A NEUTRAL FORCE TO SUPERVISE CEASEFIRE.
- CONVENING OF A TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE, TO BE HELD IN ANGOLA UNDER OAU AUSPICES TO SEEK SOLUTION TO CONFLICT.
- CONSTITUTION OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION TO PROVIDE CLIMATE OF PEACE PRELIMINARY TO HOLDING OF GENERAL ELECTIONS.

CONFERENCE DEMANDED IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES AND OF PORTUGUESE LIBERATION ARMY WHICH ALLEGEDLY IS MASSACRING
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ANGOLANS IN MOCAMEDES PROVINCE. CONFERENCE ALSO RESOLVED TO:

- STRENGTHEN COOPERATION WITH FNLA TO MEET COMMON OFFENSIVE MOUNTED BY MPLA, USSR AND CUBA.
- SUPPORT INSTITUTIONS OF NEWLY-FORMED DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA TO MAKE IT CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH MATERIAL PROBLEMS FACING ANGOLAN MASSES.
- ATTRIBUTE SPREAD OF CIVIL WAR TO SOVIET INTERFERENCE IN

ANGOLA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

- DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES, NOTABLY THOSE OF THE USSR AND CUBA.
- ACKNOWLEDGE SUPPORT GIVEN UNITA BY FELLOW AFRICAN AND OTHER PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES.
- CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR ALL AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SEEKING TO FREE THEIR PEOPLES FROM FOREIGN DOMINATION.
- APPEAL TO ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO DISTINGUISH CAUSE AND EFFECT, AND TO RECOGNIZE IMPOSSIBILITY OF JUSTIFYING OPEN SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA.

5. COMMENT: UNITA COMMUNIQUE MAKES NO MENTION OF NEUTRALIZATION OF LUANDA PREVIOUSLY ASSOCIATED WITH NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.

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